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COPY OF A LETTER

From *Henry Yeo*, Esq. Secretary to the Commissioners of HOWTH HARBOUR, dated the 2d March 1818, to the Right Honourable *Robert Peel*, enclosing, a Copy of a Letter from *John Rennie*, Esq. respecting the Sums necessary to be expended on the Works at HOWTH HARBOUR in the current year; with, a Statement of the Sums issued, and of the Sums expended, under the Act of the 45th of the King, as also, of the sums granted, and the Expenditure, under the Act of the 50th of the King, by the Commissioners for carrying on the Works at *Howth* Harbour, from the commencement thereof to the 5th January 1818, and the Sum remaining to be granted to complete the Works estimated by Mr. *Rennie*.

To the Right Honourable ROBERT PEEL, &c. &c. &c.

SIR, Custom-House, Dublin, 2d March 1818.

MR. RENNIE having forwarded to the Commissioners of *Howth* Harbour, a Letter, dated the 17th ultimo, containing his opinion of the Sums necessary to be expended on the Works at *Howth* for the current Year, and the Sum he conceives will ultimately be required for clearing all the points of Rock within the Harbour;—

I am directed to forward to you, for your information, a Copy of the above Letter from Mr. *Rennie*, and a Statement prepared under the direction of the Commissioners, to be submitted to Parliament, containing the Expenditure at the Works, from their commencement to the 5th January 1818, the Sum due on Mr. Rennie's Estimates; viz. £.2,906. 15*s*. 3½*d*. adding thereto the Sum of £.3,600 expended on the purchase of Ground, not provided for in those Estimates, making a total Sum of £.6,506. 15*s*. 3½*d*. that remains to be granted for the purposes of the Works, agreeable to Mr. Rennie's original Estimates; and which Documents I have the honour herewith to enclose to you.

In transmitting those Documents, I am directed to call your attention to my Letter of the 29th March 1816 (a Copy of which I have the honour also to enclose) wherein the foregoing Sum of £.3,600 is particularly alluded to, as to the probability of its becoming necessary to apply to Parliament for, as an additional aid to the Estimates.

And I am further directed to observe to you, that although Mr. Rennie calculates in his Letter, that a Sum of £.15,285 (being an excess of so much on the whole of the Work) will ultimately be required for clearing all the points of Rock within the Harbour, and which he has observed upon, at the conclusion of his Letter, as an unforseen contingency not possible to estimate in Works of the nature of those at *Howth* Harbour; yet the Commissioners are of opinion that this Sum of £.15,285, will be considerably reduced by the sale of old Materials, Machinery, &c. (at present valued at about £.5,000.) on the final termination of the Works; no part of which Sum will be called for in the present Year, as the balance of £.6,506. 15*s*. 3½*d*. with the Sum in hand, they apprehend will be fully adequate for the expenditure at the Works in the current Year.

I have the honour to be, Sir, your most obedient humble Servant,

(Signed) *Henry Yeo*, Sec.

Irish Office, London,
4th May 1818.

True Copies,
C. W. Flint.

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COPY OF MR. RENNIE'S LETTER; containing his opinion of the Sums necessary to be expended on the Works at *Howth*, for the current year, and the Sum he conceives it will ultimately require, for clearing all the points of Rock within the Harbour.

London, February 17th, 1818.

SIR,

I DULY received your letter of the 12th ult. with Mr. Aird's Report of the 2d; as also a Copy of the Minutes made by the Board of Commissioners of Howth Harbour on the 10th concerning it, on the whole of which the Board require my opinion.

Absence from London, and the preparation of various public Estimates, has occasioned a delay in replying to the Board's directions which could not be avoided; I hope, however, this delay will not be attended with any material inconvenience.

The Estimates made out by Mr. Aird, amounting to the sum of £. 2,505, I have no doubt will be adequate to the expense of the respective articles estimated; and, as to that part of the Pier towards the inner end, which was done previous to my taking charge of the work, and for the completion of which no sum was estimated, I agree in opinion with the Commissioners, that to take it down and rebuild it with granite, would be an unnecessary expenditure, as it is not likely this place will ever be used as a place for landing or shipping of goods to any material extent; but I am of opinion the work should not be left in an unfinished state, but that the sum of £. 1,250, as estimated by Mr. Aird, should be expended to render it secure. This sum being added to the other articles, will make the whole amount to £. 3,755, which, with the balance due to Mr. Robinson, £. 1,534. 1. 2. British, together about £. 5,417. 1. 2. Irish, this being taken from the amount of funds stated in your letter at £. 10,362. 16. 8. leaves a balance in the hands of the Commissioners of about £. 4,945, which balance will of course be applied towards the deepening of the Harbour, and paying the ordinary expenses, which I presume will be ample for the present year; but this will by no means be equal to the clearing away of all the points of rock within the Harbour, which in the Estimate of 1810, was taken at £. 14,500 British, as a net sum, independent of the contingencies, which may be taken at £. 2,175 more on this article, making the Amount £. 16,675, which in Irish money will be about £. 18,065; my present Estimate for this work is about £. 20,230, which exceeds this sum by £. 2,165, thus the Estimate will fall short in the whole of the work, in the sum of about £. 15,285, which is about £. 5 per cent. on the whole Estimate; this, however, will be considerably reduced by the sale of the railways and other articles, so that I would fain hope this excess on a work of such magnitude, will not be considered by any means extraordinary, as I believe scarcely an instance of such a work can be found, where the cost accords so nearly with the sum estimated; and the more especially when it is considered, that the mode of building under water, as well as the taking up of the rocks, is entirely new, and, of course, there was no experience to assist in estimating such a work.

I am, Sir, your most humble Servant,

John Rennie.

Henry Yeo, Esq.
Summer Hill, Dublin.

RECAPITULATION OF THE ITEMS IN THE FOREGOING LETTER OF MR. RENNIE.

		£. s. d.
TO Balance due on Parliamentary Estimates, including £. 3,600, expended on the purchase of Ground		6,506 15 3½
— Balance in Bank of Ireland, on 5th January 1818		3,856 1 4½
	£.	10,362 16 8
Sum estimated by Mr. Aird, for completing the Piers, Quay Walls, Parapets, &c. agreeable to Mr. Rennie's Estimate	£. 2,505 — —	
D° for securing the unfinished of the East Pier, and coping it with Granite	1,250 — —	
	3,755 — —	
TO Balance of Mr. Robinson's Account for Light-House Materials, £. 1,534. 1. 2. British	1,661 17 11	
		5,416 17 11
Amount stated by Mr. Rennie, as applicable to deepening the Harbour, and clearing points of rock, for the present year	£.	4,945 18 9
Amount stated in Mr. Rennie's Estimate of 1810, for clearing points of rock within the Harbour, including Contingencies		18,065 — —
Additional Sum estimated for this work		2,165 — —
Present Estimate of Mr. Rennie, for the above Work	£.	20,230 — —
From which is to be deducted, the above Sum of £. 4,945. 18. 9. as applicable to that work for the present year		4,945 18 9
Sum estimated by Mr. Rennie, in the foregoing Letter, to clear the rocks within the Harbour, being an excess of so much on the whole of the Work		15,284 1 3

Note.—The above Sums are in Irish Money.

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A STATEMENT OF THE SUMS ISSUED, AND OF THE SUMS EXPENDED

Under the Act of the 45th of the King, as also of the Sums granted, and the Expenditure under the Act of the 50th of the King, by the Commissioners for carrying on the Works at Howth Harbour, from the commencement thereof, to the 5th January 1818; and the Sum remaining to be granted to complete the Works estimated by Mr. Rennie.

		£. s. d.	£. s. d.
TO Amount of Sum granted by the Act of the 45th of the King, chap. 113, to the Commissioners appointed under that Act		10,000 — —	
To Amount of - - D° - granted in Sessions 1807	£. 10,000 — —		
Deduct Pells and Poundage retained thereout at the Treasury	300 — —		
		9,700 — —	
To Amount of Grant in Sessions 1809		15,000 — —	
Total Parliamentary Grants		34,700 — —	
To Amount of Sum obtained from the Vote of Credit in November 1809		7,000 — —	
Total Sum received by first Commissioners			£. 41,700 — —

	£. s. d.	£. s. d.
BY Amount of Sum expended by the Commissioners appointed under the Act of the 45th of the King, chap. 113, from 20th July 1807 to 20th July 1810	41,217 4 5½	
By Balance unexpended of the Sums received by the above Commissioners, and subsequently transferred to the Commissioners appointed under the Act of the 50th of the King, chap. 72.	482 15 6½	41,700 — —
		£. 41,700 — —

		£. s. d.	£. s. d.
TO Balance unexpended by the Commissioners appointed under the Act of the 45th of the King, and transferred to the Commissioners appointed under the Act of the 50th of the King		- - -	482 15 6½
To Amount of Grant in Sessions - - - 1810		25,000 — —	
From which is to be deducted the Sum of £. 7,000, issued from the Vote of Credit to the former, and repaid by the present Commissioners		7,000 — —	
Net Sum received in - - - 1810		- - -	18,000 — —
To Amount of Grant in Sessions - - - 1811		- - -	50,000 — —
To D° - - - - - D° - - - - 1812		- - -	32,000 — —
To D° - - - - - D° - - - - 1813		- - -	50,000 — —
To D° - - - - - D° - - - - 1814		- - -	45,000 — —
To D° - - - - - D° - - - - 1815		- - -	50,000 — —
To D° - - - - - D° - - - - 1816		- - -	46,000 — —
To D° - - - - - D° - - - - 1817		- - -	11,000 — —
Total Sum received by present Commissioners			£. 302,482 15 6½

	£. s. d.	£. s. d.
BY Amount of Expenditure by the Commissioners appointed under the Act of the 50th of the King, chap. 72, from 21st July 1810 to 5th January 1818	298,626 14 2	
By Cash in the Bank of Ireland to the credit of the Commissioners, unexpended on the 5th January 1818	3,856 1 4½	302,482 15 6½
		£. 302,482 15 6½

	£. s. d.	£. s. d.
TO Amount of Grants from the commencement of the Works under Mr. Rennie's Estimates, to 5th January 1818, including Balance unexpended by former Commissioners	- - -	302,482 15 6½
By Balance due on the original Estimates	2,906 15 3½	2,906 15 3½
		305,389 10 10
By Amount expended on the purchase of Land, &c. as stated below	3,600 — —	3,600 — —
By Amount remaining to be granted by Parliament to complete Mr. Rennie's Estimates	£. 6,506 15 3½	308,989 10 10

	British Money. £. s. d.	Irish Money £. s. d.
BY Amount of Mr. Rennie's Estimate for East Pier, West Pier, and Road	247,032 18 9	267,619 — 4
By Amount of additional Estimate for building the Foundation of the East Pier with Cut Stone to the bottom of the Harbour, to enable vessels to lie close to the Pier	- - -	16,000 — —
By - - - D° - - - D° - - - for West Pier	- - -	21,000 — —
By - - - D° - - - D° - - - for raising the Parapet of the East Pier	- - -	770 10 6
		£. 305,389 10 10
By amount expended on the purchase of Ground and Law Expenses, not provided for in the above Estimates of Mr. Rennie	- - -	3,600 — —
		£. 308,989 10 10

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Ordered, by The House of Commons, *to be Printed,*
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